

REMARKS

These Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the title of the application and rejected Claims 1-7 and 17-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0024122 A1 to Jung et al. ("Jung").

I. Objection to the Title

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the title of the application due to the same not being sufficiently descriptive. The Examiner requested a new title that is "clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed." In response thereto, Applicant has amended the title as indicated above. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended title satisfies the requirements set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to the title be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-7 and 17-26

In the rejection of Claims 1-7 and 17-26, the Examiner recites the text of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), but then proceeds to apply Jung as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Since Jung was published less than a year before the filing of the present patent application, Jung clearly cannot be applied as a Section 102(b) reference. Accordingly, it is Applicant's understanding that the Examiner intends to apply Jung as a Section 102(e) reference.

For the reasons set forth below, Jung cannot anticipate Applicant's claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) because the invention of the present application was conceived prior to the filing date of

Jung, and was thereafter constructively reduced to practice upon the filing of the present application on January 22, 2002.

Submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration is the Declaration of Jeffrey Alan Miks Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 ("Miks Declaration"). The Miks Declaration sets forth facts evidencing that the invention described and claimed in the present application was conceived prior to the filing date of Jung.

Specifically, the Miks Declaration provides substantial evidence that the present invention was first conceived on or about March 2, 2001, was first sketched or drawn on or about March 2, 2001, was further described in writing on or about March 9, 2001 which was witnessed on March 13, 2001. Attached as exhibits to the Miks Declaration are various documents which are authenticated thereby and evidence the occurrence of these events. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention of the present application was conceived on or about March 2001, approximately four (4) months prior to the July 19, 2001 filing date of Jung.

Following these events, the present patent application was prepared. The declaration of inventorship was executed on January 21, 2002, and the invention was constructively reduced to practice the following day upon the filing of the present application on January 22, 2002.

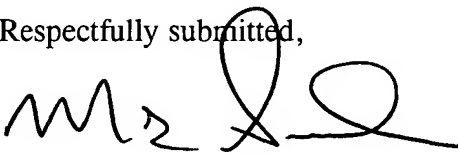
In view of these facts, Applicant respectfully submits that Jung cannot anticipate Claims 1-7 and 17-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of Claims 1-7 and 17-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, as well as the Miks Declaration submitted herewith and documents attached thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the title and the rejection of the presently pending claims be withdrawn. Reconsideration of Claims 1-7 and 17-26 is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Title:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGE INCLUDING RING STRUCTURE CONNECTED
TO LEADS WITH VERTICALLY DOWNSET INNER ENDS.